

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 766

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Charlotte Battles on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlotte Battles is one such estimable person who served with alacrity and acuity for more than twenty years as the Executive Director of The King's Daughters' School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battles has taken a much deserved retirement, but is still serving The King's Daughters' School as its Executive Director Emeritus ; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Battles is an active and important part of the education profession, participating in numerous prestigious organizations, including the National Association of Private Special Education Centers and its Committee on National Affairs, serving as Vice-President and Treasurer of the Tennessee branch of The King's Daughters and Sons, Chair of the Maury County Liaison Council, and Chairperson of the Sewanee Conference on Children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battles has also lent her invaluable support to Community Rehabilitation Agencies of Tennessee, Friends of Children's Hospital, and the Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Battles also contributes her time and numerous talents to the Columbia Rotary Club, serving as its president from 2000-2001, and the Maury Alliance, where she peerlessly worked as the Chairperson of the Board and President and chaired two committees; in addition she has provided her expertise to the Maury County Election Commission, the Columbia Power and Water Board, the Maury County Arts Guild, and a number of other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battles is the recipient of many illustrious awards and honors, having the distinction of being named a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and the Columbia Rotary Rotarian of the Year, and is a graduate of Leadership Tennessee and Leadership Maury; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battles is also an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, where she has tirelessly served the congregation as President of United Methodist Women and chaired the Finance and Pastor/Parish Relations Committees, as well as the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments and awards aside, Charlotte Battles is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband, Jerry Lanice Battles; their son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Matthews Battle and Kim Harden Battles; their daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte Elizabeth Battles Ward and Colin Ward; and their grandchildren, Emily Ward, Nolin Ward, Harden Battles, and Russ Battles; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Battles exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Battles has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Charlotte Battles our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her exemplary career in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.